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IN 1973

PLEASE PASS TO AMBASSADOR GRAHAM MARTIN (EA/VN)

ON TUESDAY MORNING, JULY 23, THE OFFICIAL VIETNAM PRESS
CARRIED THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE ON A NORTH VIETNAMESE CHARGE
THAT SOUTH VIETNAM DID NOT ALLOW DISSEMINATION OF THE PARIS
AGREEMENT:

BEGIN TEXT: RED TROOPS KNOW NOTHING ABOUT PARIS AGREEMENT

SAIGON (VP) JULY 22 - THE "THONG NHAT" WEEKLY MAGAZINE,
THE MOUTHPIECE OF NORTH VIETNAM'S LABOR PARTY (COMMUNIST PARTY)
LAST JULY 6 ALLEGED THAT "IT'S HARD TO GET THE TEXT OF THE
JAN. 27, 1973 PARIS AGREEMENT IN SAIGON SINCE NO DISSEMINATION
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WAS ALLOWED BY THE RVN GOVERNMENT".

THE WEEKLY ALSO WROTE "THE RVN GOVERNMENT DID NOT ALLOW THE REPRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT.

OBVIOUSLY, THE MOUTHPIECE OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE LABOR PARTY HAD MADE THE WORST DISTORTION OF THE TRUTH SINCE NEEDLESS TO SAY THE RVN PEOPLE HAVE READ THE WHOLE TEXT OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT THROUGH THE COPIES ISSUED BY THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND OPEN ARMS AND PRINTED ON DAILIES PUBLISHED IN SAIGON.

THE FACT WAS THAT RIGHT IN THE MORNING OF JAN. 27, 1973, AS THE PARTIES WERE SIGNING THE AGREEMENT IN PARIS, THE RVN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INVITED VIETNAMESE AND FOREIGN NEWSMEN TO THE MINISTRY TO RECEIVE THE WHOLE TEXTS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND THE RELATED PROTOCOLS IN VIETNAMESE AND ENGLISH ISSUED BY THE CENTRAL INFORMATION SERVICE.

A TOTAL OF 17 SAIGON DAILIES IN THEIR JAN. 28, 1973 ISSUE AND THE FOLLOWING ONES CARRIED THE WHOLE TEXT OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT AND THE RELATED PROTOCOLS. THE EVENING BULLETIN OF VIETNAM PRESS DATED JAN. 27, 1973 ALSO CARRIED THE WHOLE TEXT IN VIETNAMESE AND ENGLISH.

LATER THE BI-WEEKLY MAGAZINE CHIEN SI CONG HOA (COMBATANTS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM) OF THE RVN ARMED FORCES IN A SPECIAL ISSUE ON MARCH 15, 1973 PRINTED THE WHOLE TEXT OF THE CEASEFIRE AGREEMENT IN VIETNAMESE. IT ALSO CARRIED THE PROTOCOL ON MINE CLEARANCE ON THE WATERWAYS OF NORTH VIETNAM AND THE ACT OF THE PARIS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM

FOR ITS PART, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN APRIL 1973 ISSUED A SPECIAL PUBLICATION CONTAINING FULL TEXTS OF THE AGREEMENT AND THE PROTOCOLS IN VIETNAMESE AND ENGLISH FOR DISTRIBUTION TO EMBASSIES OF FRIENDLY NATIONS IN SAIGON. IN THIS PUBLICATION, THE MINISTRY ALSO PRINTED TWO CHARTS ON THE ORGANIZATION OF THE JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION AND THE ICCS AT REGIONAL LEVEL, THE SIGNATURES OF THE PARTY SIGNATORIES IN THE AGREEMENT AND THE ACT OF THE PARIS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM ALONG WITH THE STATEMENT OF MR. TRAN VAN LAM, WHO WAS THEN FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

LATE IN MARCH 1973, THE UNITED STATES INFORMATION SERVICE IN SAIGON DISSEMINATED TWO SPECIAL BULLETINS WITH THE WHOLE TEXT OF THE PARIS ACCORDS IN ENGLISH AND VIETNAMESE. THESE BULLETINS WHICH ALSO CONTAINED THE EXPLANATIONS OF DR. UNCLASSIFIED

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HENRY KISSINGER THE THEN US PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS.

ABOVE MENTIONED WERE EVIDENCES WHICH SHOWED THE TRUTH IN THE COMMUNIST THONG NHAT WEEKLY'S ALLEGATIONS THAT FEW PEOPLE IN SAIGON COULD FIND THE COPY OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT WHICH IN THE MEANTIME WAS SAID BY THE WEEKLY AS "SO WIDELY DISSEMINATED IN HANOI" THAT EVEN RED TROOPS CAPTURED ON THE BATTLEFIELDS IN SOUTH VIETNAM CONFESSED THAT THEY KNEW NOTHING

ABOUT THE AGREEMENT. (PD.23) END TEXT (NOTE: WE HAVE NOT
CHANGED THE VIETNAM PRESS'S ENGLISH.)

COMMENT: THE EMBASSY HAS OBTAINED COPIES OF THE MARCH 15,
1973 ISSUE OF CHIEN-SI CONG-HOA (SOLDIER OF THE REPUBLIC)
AND HAS COMPARED THE VIETNAMESE TEXT OF THE FULL AGREEMENT AND
PROTOCOLS PRINTED THEREIN WITH THE AUTHENTIC VIETNAMESE TEXT.
WE CONFIRM THAT THE FULL TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT AND ALL
PROTOCOLS WERE PRINTED IN THE ISSUE.

IN ADDITION, WE HAVE COPIES OF THE FEBRUARY 15 AND APRIL
15 ISSUES OF THE MAGAZINE. THE FEBRUARY 15 ISSUE PRINTS
THE AGREEMENT IN FULL, THOUGH WITHOUT THE PROTOCOLS. THE
APRIL 15 ISSUE PRINTS THE FULL TEXT OF THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE
OF APRIL 3, 1974.

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